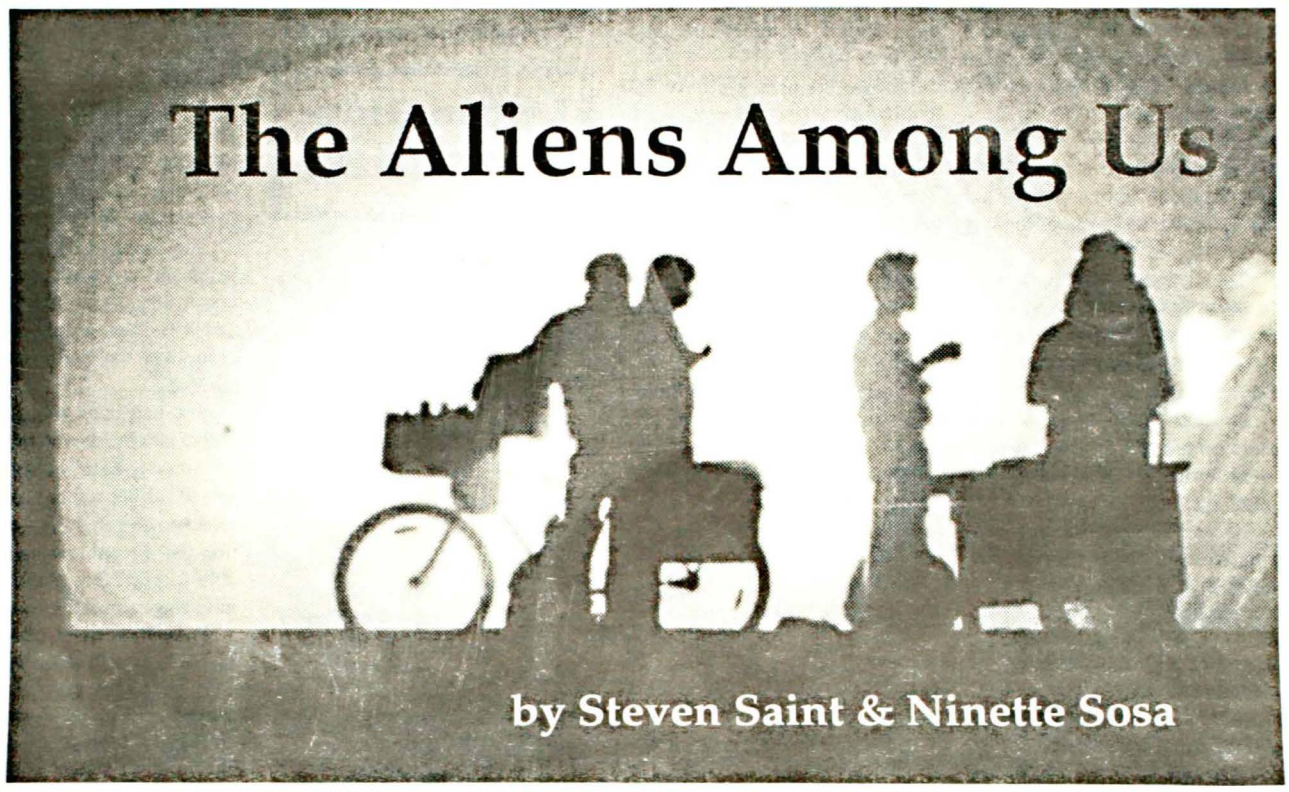
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The Aliens Among Us



by Steven Saint & Ninette Sosa

"Waiting at the Fence" by Roberto Córdova, courtesy Vantage Theatre

Eddie can pass for an American kid. Sure, his olive skin makes him looks Latino. But his broad smile with straight teeth, the jammer shorts, tortoise-shell sunglasses, ball cap and portable CD player in his fanny pack make him a dead ringer for a young American. *Chicano.*

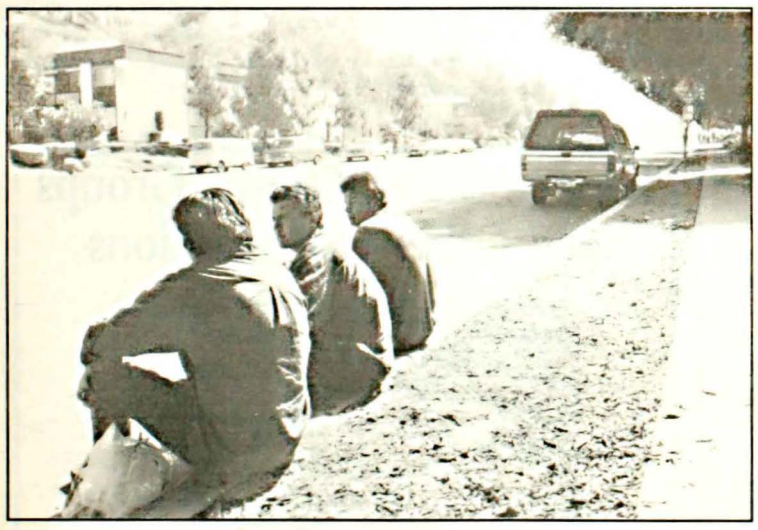
The big test came three years ago, when Eddie passed through the turnstiles of the Tijuana border crossing into America. He answered the obligatory question of national origin with a simple "U.S." It helped that he crossed on a Saturday night with a group of American college students he befriended while working weekends in their favorite Tijuana discotheque.

These days, Eddie can be found standing around the corner of University Avenue and Aragon Drive, just west of La Mesa city limits where a Home Depot building now sits boarded up. Dozens of men stand along University every day, waiting for Americans to hire them.

Eddie usually gets a job. His English is excellent and employers always feel a bit more comfortable with people they can talk to. He's always clean and presentable. After all, he's now married to an American and they live in East San Diego. She recently quit her job at a record store to go to college while he does construction. He prefers building patios, but anything will suffice these days. He says as soon as he can pay the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) $1,000 in fines (for crossing the border illegally), he can get his green card.

Eddie feels sorry for some of his compadres standing on the corner. Many of them had terrible experiences crossing the U.S. border. Many live in riverbeds and haven't seen their women for years.

Yet they all have one thing in common:



they find standing on the corner near the old Home Depot, waiting for a job, is a hell of a lot better than living in Mexico.



One hundred and fifty years ago, the corner of University and Aragon was part of Mexico. In 1846, U.S. forces led by Gen. Zachary Taylor invaded Mexico over a dispute as to which river marked the border of Texas and Mexico. The invasion escalated into the Mexican-American War, called "Mr. Polk's War" in many quarters, because it was fueled by President James Polk's obsession with expanding America to the Pacific Ocean.

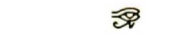
Col. Stephen Kearny invaded New Mexico from Kansas and raised the American flag over Santa Fe without firing a shot. He then headed for Upper California, which was sparsely populated and poorly defended by Mexico. He met up with Commodore Robert Stockton in San Diego after a two-month march and a bloody skirmish with Mexicans near San Pasqual.

Chihuahua fell in 1847 and the U.S. Navy invaded Vera Cruz, on the Gulf of Mexico. Gen. Winfield Scott drove into Mexico City on Sept. 14, leading to the resignation of Mexican President Antonio López de Santa Anna. Polk's negotiator banged out the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo with the new Mexican regime. The U.S. agreed to pull out of Mexico in return for Upper California and New Mexico. Mexico would be compensated $15 million. The border dispute was finally settled.

The treaty describes the U.S.-Mexico border in terms of rivers: the Rio Grande, the Gila and the Colorado. Regarding the division of Upper and Lower California, the border is described as "a straight line, drawn from the middle of the Rio Gila, where it unites with the Colorado, to a point on the Coast of the Pacific Ocean, distant one marine league due south of the southernmost point of the Port of San Diego, according to the plan of said port made in the year 1782."

Article VIII recognizes all Mexican land rights in Upper California. Mexican citizens suddenly finding themselves under U.S. rule were assured they could continue living on their land, could move to Mexican territory without taxation or charge and could even opt for U.S. citizenship.

"The present owners, the heirs of these, and all Mexicans who may hereafter acquire said property by contract, shall enjoy with respect to it, guaranties equally ample as if the same belonged to citizens of the United States," the treaty states.



Garcia has thick, unkempt hair and a smile so natural you forget his bad teeth. His black jeans are a little soiled but the gray boots on his feet are in good shape. It's barely nine in the morning and he's already drinking from a brown paper bag.

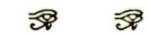
He speaks very little English even though he's been living in the U.S. for over 20 years. He can understand better than he can speak. He explains in Spanish that he left Guadalajara long ago for opportunity, and has found that waiting on the corner.

"Depende en el trabajo, a veces gano $100 dearío," he says. *Sometimes I earn $100 a day.*

Garcia doesn't work every day. A half-dozen trucks and cars pull up every day with Americans seeking laborers for general construction, landscaping, roofing. The men gather around the vehicles and determine what the drivers are looking for. The best men for the job leave with the drivers, maybe four, maybe only one. Watch out for Arabs and *Chinos* — they are cheap.

The men insist that they are not homeless and all have documents. But they are vague about their addresses and scatter when asked to pose for a photo. Some agree to pose with their backs to the cameras.

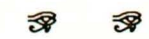
One shows his bank deposit slips from the money he sends home to Mexico. Another shows the business cards he's collected from various employers. There's an East County carpet cleaning service, a San Diego landscaping company, a Century 21 real estate office.



We have used the power of this great nation against our weaker neighbor, and in taking possession of Texas without the consent of its rightful owners we have become a criminal party in the fraud and robbery which were designed in its original revolt. It is idle to deny that our government would never have made Texas a part of our territory if it had belonged to a nation equal in power with ourselves. We first coveted those fair fields, and then in the spirit of robbery seized them because our arms were longer and stringer than the arms of Mexico.

The brutal spirit which the war excites — the bad passions which it cherishes, tend to unhumanize all who are engaged in it. It ends to deaden the moral sense of those who rejoice in bloody victories, or even become familiar with its dreadful carnage. It is the embodiment of all evil, it is the image of Badness fiercely opposing with its own carnal weapons the influence and the red so goodness.

— Pastor Eli Edwin Hall
Thanksgiving Day sermon, 1846



Luis Manjivar is from El Salvador and works in the U.S. legally. He lives in a camper shell and tends horses for a Lakeside woman named Diana Jackson. The soft-spoken, 41-year-old mi-

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Dispute over easement slows development

by Dave Schwab

Two Lemon Grove residents have until Oct. 9 to resolve their differences with developers over a proposed sewer easement through their property before the city initiates condemnation proceedings.

Neighbors Jesse Prothro and Harry Wexler, who live at the end of Madroncillo Street, have been trying to block developers of a 46-home subdivision project from acquiring an easement running through their property to build a pipeline connecting to San Diego's sewer. The path of the proposed sewer line lies within the incorporated limits of the city of San Diego.

The city and developers failed in negotiations with Wexler and Prothro after offering the neighbors appraised fair market value for their property.

Neither Prothro nor Wexler were convinced of the necessity — or fairness — of the city's proposed action.

"There are less costly, less complicated, less destructive alternatives than taking control over my property with the sewer easement," said Prothro. "I don't see how they can do it (sewer line) with the way the land slopes."

Wexler agreed with Prothro's assessment of the lay of the land.

"The terrain's definitely uphill," Wexler said.

The sewer easement through the two neighbors' adjoining properties would be owned and maintained by the city of Lemon Grove.

Wexler presented the city and developers with a list of 11 unanswered questions he had about the sewer line and its viability.

Wexler added that his property stands to be degraded by the sewer easement.

"I've got close to $10,000 worth of concrete in sidewalks, "Wexler said. "Are they going to destroy my sidewalks?"

Peter Sterling, representing Alencia Development Corporation, developers of the subdivision to be served by the new sewer line, said the line's path down Madroncillo Street was the only logical choice for the easement.

"With this path, we have 700 total feet with three property owners," Sterling said. "If we'd have chosen another path, we would have to go 3,000 feet with upwards of 30 property owners."

Sterling said developers were willing to replace sidewalks, dirt or "whatever, to make this (easement) an easy, comfortable process."

Prothro argued that granting the sewer easement would give others "carte blanche" to enter his property any time to do repairs or maintenance on the sewer line.

"Once this is in and the grass has grown over it . . . there will be no reason to go in and do maintenance," replied Sterling.

Councilman Dwight Shelley asked how long it would take to install a sewer line through the neighbors' properties.

"A week to 10 days," replied Sterling. ""We'd be happy to work around their (neighbors) schedules."

At the council's Oct. 3 meeting, Prothro and Wexler testified that they were closing in on an agreement with developers over the easement.

"It's a dollar amount now, where before, it wasn't," said Prothro.

Restrictions on garage use discussed

What conditions should be imposed on using residential garages for the operation of home businesses?

Divided over that question, the City Council sent the issue back to the Planning Commission for review.

The council balked at approving a proposed amendment to the city's home occupation regulations stipulating that the operation of a home business "shall not permanently reduce the area or capacity of a garage to accommodate the number of vehicles for which it was designed."

Community Development Director Jim Butler said a minor use permit is required for garage conversion for use as a home business.

"The permit requires a portion of the garage to be permanently maintained for vehicular parking," said Butler. "It also states that no facility should occupy a garage in a manner that prevents vehicles from parking there."

Butler added the issue of "home garaging" first arose with an application by a resident to the planning commission asking permission to convert a garage for use as a dog grooming business.

"Redesigning a garage to turn it into a business is inconsistent with our zoning ordinance," said Butler.

Councilman Tom Clabby said he favored allowing use of garages for home businesses as long as homeowners had sufficient space for their vehicles.

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Sept.	26	75	62
Sept.	27	73	62
Sept.	28	74	62
Sept.	29	75	59
Sept.	30	88	56
Oct.	1	89	54

date: 0.13"; Last year-to-date: 0.29". (7/1 - 6/30)

Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population: **25,100**
Incorporated: **1977**
Area: **3.75 sq. mi.**
Median income: **$34,399**
Mayor: **Bob Burns**
Council: **Thomas Clabby**
Craig Lake
Dwight Shelley
Mary Teresa Sessom
City Manager: **Doug Yount**
Planning Director: **Jim Butler**
Public Works Director: **Les Ruh**
Attorney: **Gloria McLean**
City Clerk: **Christine Taub**
Sheriff's Capt.: **William Flores**
Fire Chief: **William Wright**
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52nd - Duncan Hunter
State Senate district:
40th - Steve Peace
State Assembly district:
77th - Steve Baldwin
Supervisorial district:
2nd - Dianne Jacob
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Libraries: **1**
Post offices: **1**
Parks **4**

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B Words

Personal comments from Mayor Bob Burns

A friend indeed

This is a slight diversion from my usually serious writing in my B Words column. There are many things going on, that I hope to cover as time goes on. However, as I sat down to expound upon one or more of these items, I was distracted by a pair of rheumy eyes looking up from a carpet near my feet. They are beginning to show the ominous cloudy grey that pupils foretell the condition known as cataracts.

Before anyone jumps to any other conclusion, they belong to our dear friend, and family protector, the one who keeps watch over our domain, our dog Bernie.

She came to us about eleven years ago as a waif who needed a home. One of our favorite clients, Janny Busson, brought her to the clinic with the plea that I find her a home.

She had been rescued on the embarcadero, downtown, by this compassionate woman who feared for her safety. I reluctantly took the dog in with the admonition that I would probably not be able to place her and she would have to go to the pound.

It so happened that we had just lost our 15 year old Dalmation, Bernie #1, and this very nice young, part Dalmation lady showed up in our life. I called my wife and asked if she wanted another dog. After some protestation, she consented to give the dog a trial, but with no promises.

We found that she was fully house trained, was just nearing her first heat, and a lover. I called home the next afternoon, to see how she was adapting, and was told that "she was a God send."

I subsequently spayed her and gave her all vaccinations, and she has become a full fledged member of the family. I think she has risen above one of our children, or another, in ranking.

We have kept her at her average 40 pounds over the years, so she is not obese as many pets are prone to become. Being short-haired, we have minimal problems with controlling fleas, and a large dollop of lard each day keeps her skin in good condition. We feed her a canned dog food, "Pedigree chunky beef," and have for most of her life. It is a largely meat product which is a carnivorous species thrives on. I do not have stock in the company, and I know that there are many other food products out there that will serve as well. She likes it, and has never tired of the food.

It is always gone in less than two minutes, so it must be satisfying.

The best thing about feeding is the small amounts of waste that I must pick up each day. I calculate that she digests (utilizes) about 90 percent so that my dog food dollar is not laying out in the yard to be scooped up every day as with most of the dry food products. I think if you consider this in feeding your pet, you will agree with my opinion.

This dear being warns us of earthquakes, of cats in the yard, or an occasional opossum or skunk, or even prowlers, from her rug in the corner of our bedroom where she sleeps. At 4 p.m. she demands, vocally, a few Milk Bones, and she is excellent in controlling her toilet habits and letting us know of her urgency. We bathe together in the shower, and she thrives on petting and "nuggies' when we do the couch potato bit.

Our family has had many pets over the years. The most recent is always the "best" and they do reach full family status no matter what.

The dog does have a very unique relationship with man, like no other non-human animal. We have never been able to fully explain it, but it is surely there. We love you Bernie, as we grow old together, and would wish that other families were as equally blessed as we are.

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Draft of gun sales law sent back for revisions

by Dave Schwab

The National Rifle Association (NRA) and local gun dealers took aim on a proposed firearms ordinance in Lemon Grove which would restrict gun sales to commercial areas.

A group of local gun aficionados turned out at an Oct. 3 City Council meeting to speak out against proposed regulations restricting firearms sales.

Pro-gun speakers insisted there are already enough regulations in place to more than adequately monitor and control firearms sales., without introducing new, unnecessarily burdensome regulations.

Several Lemon Grove residents argued tighter regulations need to be adopted to protect the community, noting firearms are presently sold in residential areas.

"We're considering an ordinance in Lemon Grove to control the sale and handling of firearms by dealers," said Mayor Robert Burns.

Burns pointed out there presently are several residents selling guns from their homes in Lemon Grove without paying city licensing fees.

"I don't want to get into any gun control rhetoric," Burns told the crowd, before opening the issue up for public debate. "We're talking only about gun owners as a business, and how and when they should be allowed in Lemon Grove."

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) has issued 14 federal licenses for sale of firearms to Lemon Grove residents. Of the firearm sellers, five are based in commercial zones and six are home-based. Three of the five existing gun dealers in commercial areas have city business licenses. Only one of the six home-based federal firearm licensees has a city business license.

Lemon Grove Community Development Director Jim Butler told the council that a new draft ordinance spelling out conditions for gun sales in the city "doesn't substantially change the character of the community, or place a burden on law enforcement."

In a staff report, Butler told the council that city regulations already prohibit firearms sales in residential zones. He said the new model firearms ordinance would require gun dealers to carry liability insurance valued at $1 million, require a conditional use permit for operation and set spacing requirements, i.e. 500 or 1,000 feet, to prevent gun dealers from locating near schools, churches or other publicly-sensitive areas.

"Many things in the draft ordinance are a reiteration of state law," said Butler.

The model firearms ordinance would take effect 90 days after adoption.

"Would anyone with an existing (gun) permit be grandfathered in?" questioned Councilman Craig Lake.

"Anyone with an existing business license operating in a commercial zone would be grandfathered in," replied Butler. "But existing businesses wouldn't be grandfathered in in a residential zone."

Burns asked whether there was any record of problems with firearms dealers in the city, and was told there wasn't.

Councilwoman Mary Sessom questioned the reasoning for requiring gun dealers to carry such a large amount of liability insurance under the new proposed ordinance. Butler told her it was due to the potential impact to the community posed by firearms sales.

"This $1 million liability insurance is more of a witch hunt," commented Burns.

"It's more of a safety net," said Capt. Yolanda Collins of the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Substation.

Ed Worley, representing the NRA, argued that strict licensing requirements already exist for gun dealers mandating background checks and 15-day waiting periods for firearm purchases. Worley contended that relegating all firearms-related businesses to strictly commercial zones would drive legitimate gun collectors operating out of their homes out of business.

Several residents addressed the need for tighter regulations governing firearms sales in the city.

"Is there not enough places to buy guns now?, asked Robbie Montgomery. "The city limits the number of alcohol licenses. Why not gun licenses?"

"Gun dealers should be in stores in a business district where their actions can be openly observed," said Doug Branch.

"The real issue here is land use," said Helen Ofield. "Gun owners should come out of the closet and run their businesses in the full light of day. You (city) have a responsibility to pass an ordinance with real teeth in it."

Karen Zaustinsky, director of the Lemon Grove Project, a community activist group, noted there is a direct relationship between alcohol and firearms sales and violence.

"Twenty percent of guns recovered from crimes can be traced to sales at homes," said Zaustinsky.

Thomas Haine, an inspector with ATF, told the council there is no legal limitation on the inventory of firearms gun dealers or collectors are allowed to have.

Media attacked by local conservatives

by Howard Owens

Some local Christians don't believe the local media does a very good job of portraying Christians as they really are, but whatever problems exist, they are not nearly as widespread as in the national media, they say.

The Christian Coalition recently launched a national campaign to promote more positive coverage of Christians among local media. Forum Publications, in the last week, has received more than 30 post cards lamenting the coverage Christians have received from the national media.

"Christians make up the majority of your readers," the pre-printed and pre-addressed card reads. "I'm writing to urge you to be fair in your coverage of Christians. Why not publish some positive articles now and then about all the good work Christian organizations are doing in our community."

The cards, judging from the perforated edges, were apparently part of a larger pamphlet. Because local Christian Coalition leaders apparently had no tie to the mailing, which probably originated at the coalition's national headquarters, Forum Publications was unable to obtain a copy of the original mailing.

About half of the cards received were from people who did not have listed phone numbers. Of the people contacted, many had trouble separating the behavior of the national media from the local media. A few admitted that they do not read local papers or watch local television news. But those who have followed the local media expressed dissatisfaction with both newspaper and television coverage of Christians.

"On issues like the cross on Mt. Helix or Mt. Soledad, the way it's portrayed in the *Union-Tribune*, its obvious that they

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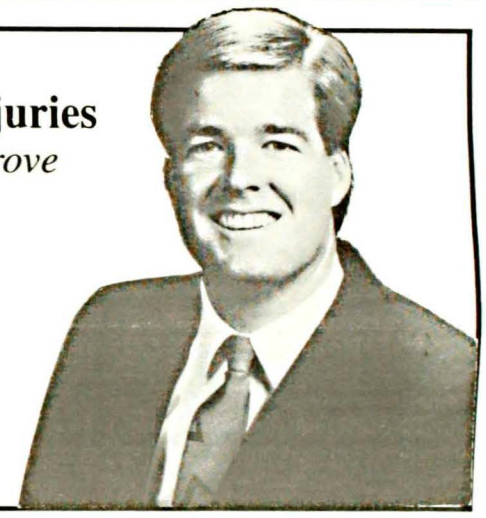
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A Black and White Verdict

Paul Treske, white male: Race was most certainly an issue. Lack of belief in the police was issue. Lack of faith in the judicial system was an issue. And so, O.J. Simpson walks free.

The "trial of the century" is over and it ended quickly and abruptly. A year of labor by a highly competent prosecution team which amassed what seemed to be a veritable mountain of highly scientific evidence was swept aside in three and a half hours of so-called deliberation.

I expected this verdict for several reasons. The unmasking of Mark Fuhrman as an ugly and manipulative racist bigot gave ample reason for the belief that all of the scientific evidence was tainted and thus invalid. Also, a deep and profound distrust of all law enforcement and courtroom systems within the African-American community had to lead to skepticism of police and prosecutors as witnesses. And finally, there was the race-focused closing summary of charismatic defense lawyer Johnny Cochran who literally said to the nine African-American jurors that it was their duty to their race and community to find the defendant not guilty.

Despite all of this and the finding of acquittal, it is my firm belief that O.J. Simpson is guilty of a brutal double murder. I have believed it from the outset, when, told of his wife's murder Simpson did not even ask detectives how it happened. And later there was the bizarre and quixotic Bronco ride with its overtones of suicide and escape. And finally when the Bronco arrived at his home, Simpson refused to leave the refuge of the vehicle for almost an hour while police waited inside.

I do not believe that there will be a search for other possible suspects, for it is obvious from all evidence that O.J. is the only possible suspect. I bleed for the families of Ronald Goldman and Nicole Simpson because they will never achieve closure this side of the grave. But most of all, I am angry at those who maintain that race was not an issue in he decision. It was THE issue. Public belief before and after the verdict divided almost totally along racial lines with whites believing him guilty and African-Americans not.

What history will say of this verdict, I cannot pretend to know, but I firmly believe that a vicious murderer is now at liberty among us. And my faith in the American jury system, already battered, has taken another blow.

William Yancey, black male: From the slow motion chase through Los Angeles' freeways to the reading of the verdict Oct. 3, I have watched the trial of Orenthal James Simpson with intense curiosity. During the entire ordeal, I have listened as men and women from various walks of life have made speculations and gave their opinions regarding Simpson's innocence or guilt.

Often times I found the guess work of these amateur sleuths quite insightful, offering creative twists to what became a tremendous media spectacle.

Always, though, I was intrigued by the fact that depending upon who you spoke to, whether the opinion came from someone Black or White, the conclusion of innocence or guilt was adamantly declared based upon race. If you were black, there was no way that O.J. could have committed the crime. If you were White, O.J. was guilty without a doubt.

Now, the final curtain has been drawn and Simpson has been set free by a jury of his peers. But, what remains is a city and country torn by the issue which has historically plagued these "united" states. There is no doubt that the dominating factor in the O.J. Simpson trial was one of race. From the very beginning, long before Mark Fuhrman and his tapes were ever introduced, the issue of race lay in the fact that the man accused of two brutal and horrendous murders was Black and the victims were White.

Like it or not, no matter how hard one may have tried to deny that this really did matter, race was always an issue because in this racially minded country, it is, has been and will always be an issue to contend with.

For those who believe that justice did not prevail, for those who have thanked God that, finally, a Black man was not wrongly convicted for a crime he did not commit, be mindful of the fact that in this country, race, whether dealt from the bottom of the deck or not, is an issue which one and all must confront. Be mindful, as well, that in the aftermath of this lengthy process, there must be time to heal. Like it or not, Orenthal James Simpson was acquitted of the charge of murder and we all must accept that fact. We all must accept that a jury, at the very least, found reasonable doubt. And, according to our judicial system, that alone must outweigh any other factor in the final decision of innocence or guilt. Whether you agree with the verdict or not, it does not matter. The trial is over. It is time to heal and time to move on.

Move on.



An acquitted murder suspect assumes a secret identity as he searches relentlessly for the true killer of his ex-wife in Fox's new animated series, "The OJ Simpsons."

Trudy Thomas, white female: I was not an avid trial watcher. I didn't watch it on T.V., I didn't even read all the newspaper articles on it. But I was watching and reading closely enough because I wanted to see if wealth and fame would prevail over the woman.

I had read and heard enough about the beatings Nicole suffered. I had heard enough about the intimidation and verbal abuse that was flung at her. It was important to me that the jury would bring back a strong message for the abusers in our society. Instead, I was left feeling abandoned. The message I received loud and clear was, "You're on your own."

The law and society at large, by way of the jury, had turned a cold shoulder. I asked myself, "What if Nicole Brown Simpson had armed herself and shot her attacker? What if she had killed O. J? Would she have been acquitted of murder?"

I have heard some criticize Nicole for not having left O J. long ago. The attitude is that she almost asked for it. She is to blame because she didn't leave sooner. It is easy to blame the victim. She is not here to defend herself. In domestic violence cases where abuse is involved, leaving is not that clear. It comes in stages. It's a very complex issue and the hope is that the person being abused can make the journey before they are dead.

It seemed clear that Nicole was somewhere on that journey. She just wasn't one of the lucky ones. She was dominated by someone who felt her every breath was his business. The woman loses again. Nicole's good friend Faye Resnick upon hearing the verdict was quoted to have said that Nicole was right. She had said that O.J. was going to kill her some day and get away with it. He always said he was above the law. What arrogance! And yet he was right! Wealth and fame had prevailed. It had won the hearts of the public.

So what is the answer? I think it's clear that violence only breeds more violence and the victim becomes their abuser. Violence produces death in body and spirit. I hear a clarion call and it is for change. Change that begins with each one of us

We must teach our children the difficult art of respect and cooperation.When my child picks up a stone to resolve conflict, I must stay his hand. I must tell him this is an unacceptable way to solve his problems. I must tell him to look within and talk about his feelings. I must tell him to try to listen and understand his opponent's point of view, to walk his road with him for a moment. I must tell him to give all people regardless of race, ideology or gender what they deserve - respect. Wasn't that what this country was founded on? Justice for all, regardless of race, religion or gender? I hope that we can change the way conflict is resolved in our lives and in the lives of those we touch. I hope for a future where there are no losers.

PG Perspectives

Pulp fiction

by Phillip Giannangeli

If I had to make up what I'm about to tell you, I'd be a damn good fiction writer. Since we know the truth on that matter, what I'm going to relate to you are true representations (as they say in cross-examination) of what I've actually heard. And believe me, at times I too have had to shake my head vigorously in disbelief. Here we go again.

At a recent visit to the movies, I ended up seated next to two elderly women. It was an afternoon matinee and as we waited for the feature to begin, the women discussed everything from record high temperatures to termites. Suddenly, one of the women asked her friend what was wrong with her mouth. She told her she was having trouble understanding some of the words her friend was saying. Not skipping a beat, the woman with the newly diagnosed speech problem said that it was probably her lipstick. It was some new stuff and she was none too happy with it. The woman who was having difficulty understanding her friend found that explanation perfectly plausible. They were soon discussing Arnold's new job and the outrageous price of popcorn. As the movie started, I was still working on lipstick as an impediment to clear speech.

Several years ago some colleagues and I were discussing momentous issues at our early morning warm-ups before classes started. Daily, issues such as whose 5th period was worse or what could be done to settle the Middle East conflict highlighted our conversations. Often we'd have a rip snorting good one going as the bell sounded to frustrate any of our sure-fire resolutions. One morning, as we debated the increasing use of broad generalizations and how they really didn't advance any ideas, one of my colleagues came up with this gem: "Those kinds of blanket statements are ridiculous." Uh huh.

Watching a program called "CNN Newsroom" recently, I was reminded that not only should the sentiment of old adages be taken into account, but so too should the articulation of its words as well. The program showed some kids being interviewed about the different kinds of problems they face. One girl was talking about the scourge of drugs in her neighborhood. Her intent, I'm sure, was to advocate early intervention to thwart drug use. What she actually said was that the best way "to stop drug use was to nip it in the butt." Not previously suggested as possible aversion therapy, perhaps early butt biting might work.

Lastly, let me give you two typical teacher-student exchanges. Again, true as the gospel.

Teacher: "Where's your book?"

Student: "It's at home."

Teacher: "Why is it at home?"

Student: "It's broke."

If that exchange didn't show the futility of some question-answer sessions, how's this one? "What was an important social movement of the 1800's?" Would you believe Robert Fulton's Steamboat? You know I couldn't have made that up.

Letters to the Editor

Helping kids is easy and fun. Your investment will leave an impression. Mentoring our nations' youth today, will pay dividends tomorrow. The value of community service and good deeds can only be planted by caring people.

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All kids need a little attention. They need to know that people have regard for them. Children in the Hillcrest District afflicted with AIDS, depend on caring people to bring them food. Children sitting in Juvenile Hall need to be shown that society cares about them. As with all kids, they need our love and attention too.

Want to help? Call the San Diego County United Way Volunteer Clearing House at 492-2121 today. There's a child out there who will warm your heart and say thanks.

ROBERT ALAN WRIGHT
La Mesa

Things To Do!

Artist on a long journey to freedom

by Lora Clark

Freedom. Many of us take it for granted. We've had it all our lives - it was given to us and cost us nothing. We get to choose the clothes we wear, where will live, whom we will marry.

Such was not the case for Farzan Salehi, this month's featured artist at Foothills Art Gallery in La Mesa. She was 23 years old before she learned what freedom was, and she left her friends, family, and country in order to hold onto it.

Salehi was born in Iran, where women have few, if any, choices. They are told what to wear, where to live and whom they will marry.

Salehi explained that a woman must wear a chador (pronounced chaw-DOOR) when she goes outside her home. The chador - a long length of black material which covers the woman from head to foot, exposing only her hands and her face - is symbolic of the oppression that covers every area of her life.

A young woman must live with her family, and an older woman, perhaps widowed, must live either with her family or with female relatives. If she makes the momentous decision to live alone, she knows she will pay a heavy price. Family members will circulate false rumors that she is a prostitute, and she will live in isolation, shunned by her family and the respectable members of the community.

Salehi said that a Persian woman is dominated first by her family and then by her husband, who is picked for her by the family.

"Even if he beats her and she hates him, she must stay," said Salehi, "as she has no place to go."

Her mother visiting her brother in America was the beginning of Salehi's escape from that lifestyle. Her mother was impressed with what she saw here and returned to Iran, determined that each of her five children would go to America to get a good education.

Salehi was told to join her older sister in La Mesa, get a good education, return to Iran and get married - in that order. She attended adult school for a year in order to learn English and then began attending Grossmont College, majoring in business. Five years passed before she realized that she didn't like business. It didn't suit her - but she didn't know what did!

At that time, Salehi was 42 years old and had no idea that she had any artistic ability. A friend who was taking an art class at Grossmont College didn't know how to do an assignment and, just for the fun of it, asked her to help him. He was surprised and impressed with what she did and encouraged her to enroll in the class he was taking.

It was then that Salehi discovered she had some talent. Her art teacher told her she was the best student in the class and encouraged her to continue her artwork. Other art teachers at Grossmont also encouraged her, and she began getting serious about developing her natural talent. Since that time, she has worked with oils, pastels and acrylics.

"I don't aim for anything in particular when I paint," said Salehi. "I paint what I feel, and I want the viewer to feel something of what I was feeling when I painted it."

A few years ago, after watching the news on television and following the events of the war that was going on in Iraq, Salehi felt sad for the people there, especially the children. She painted her feelings - a war scene. In the foreground a man was holding a dead child in his arms.



Iranian-born painter Farzan Salehi is featured this month at the Foothills Art Gallery in La Mesa.

Later, when that work was being exhibited, Salehi saw a woman standing in front of it, crying. The woman explained that the painting had touched her deeply, as it had reminded her of the time she had held in her arms the lifeless body of her own child, whose life had been claimed by an incurable disease.

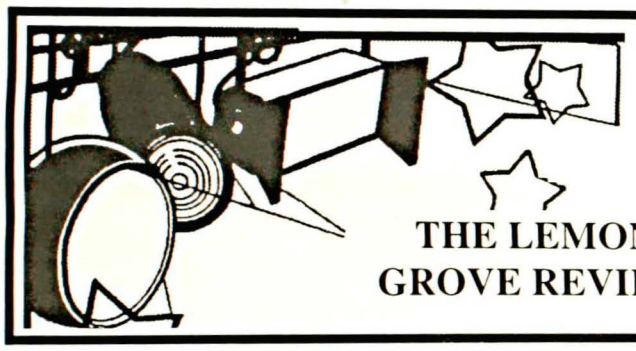
At this time, Salehi is enjoying a tranquil life and the piece she's currently working on — a loose abstract of an arrangement of vases on a table — reflects her sense of serenity.

"I'm very happy," said Salehi. "I love the United States and the freedom I have here. I'm so glad I didn't do what I was told to do, glad I decided to stay."

KidzArtz Festival

Dynamic drum ensemble Sol E Mar and zany storyteller Jim Cogan are among the attractions at the ninth annual KidzArtz Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday throughout Balboa Park.

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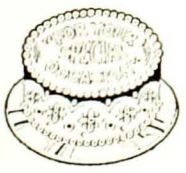
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School district working on tougher expulsion policy

by Dave Schwab

Lemon Grove School District is revising its guidelines governing disciplinary actions taken against misbehaving students.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Farley said the district's governing board, which sets districtwide policies and regulations, is reviewing new guidelines for student behavior that will "send a strong message to the 4,300 students enrolled in eight schools about the importance of school rules."

Farley said the district's revised policies will set tough standards for dealing with students who repeatedly disrupt other students' learning, possess drugs and/or alcohol or bring dangerous objects to school.

District staff has been directed by the school board to develop "clearly defined" policies for students who threaten, intimidate or harass other students.

"While we have not had major problems," said Farley, "the board felt it is important to take a strong position about the safety and security of our school campuses."

Farley added separate policies are being developed in four areas: weapons, dangerous objects, drugs and alcohol and intimidation threats.

Lemon Grove School District has stopped short of adopting a zero tolerance policy supporting students' expulsion for possessing weapons, drugs or alcohol on campus, opting instead to continue its policy of using expulsion hearing panels to review charges against students on a case-by-case basis.

The San Diego County Office of Education recently adopted a zero tolerance resolution supporting the expulsion of students who bring weapons to school, repeatedly start fights, or use and possess drugs or alcohol on campus.

Farley said there are legal problems involved with adopting a full-blown zero tolerance policy.

"The concept of a zero tolerance policy is kind of a misnomer, because students have certain due process rights which make it very difficult for school districts to take an absolute stand on some misbehaviors," said Farley. "We can go to expulsions for certain behaviors.

"Expulsions are very much like a legal proceeding. Students have to be given their rights. The (expulsion) decision has to be on the evidence."

Farley said misbehaviors which elicit expulsion proceedings include a student causing serious physical injury to another, possession of any firearm, particular types of knives or other dangerous objects, unlawful sale of a controlled substance or robbery or extortion using a weapon.

Lemon Grove's expulsion hearing process permits the district to consider individual cases and circumstances, and to assign disciplinary action based on the information presented.

At Lemon Grove expulsion hearings, said Farley, students' parents can choose for the proceedings to be closed or open to the public.

"In Lemon Grove, an administrative hearing panel conducts those proceedings," he said. "Evidence is given. The hearing panel makes its recommendations to the (school) board."

Farley added the school board does have some discretion over defining exceptions involved in implementing the district's expulsion policy.

"They (school board) cannot just say there are no exceptions, you do this and you're expelled," said Farley. "That's really a complicated part of the education code."

Farley said the district takes great pains to ensure expulsion proceedings are objective, and that all the evidence is carefully weighed.

"In the past, we've looked at each individual case as a unique situation," he said, "taking into account all sorts of data."

Farley added there are very few instances where expulsion is mandated.

"If a student brought a firearm — this board would expel without hesitation," he said. "We've also taken a very strong position on controlled substances or drugs on campus."

Revised policies on student misbehaviors will be reviewed as an information item at the board's Oct. 10 meeting. Actual adoption of the new rules is scheduled for the board's Oct. 24 meeting.

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On October 12, 1995, at 10:00 AM, PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 12/30/92 as Document No. 1992-084658 Book -- Page -- of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California, executed by: THOMAS H. GUERRERO AND ROSIE M. GUERRERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, TRANSCOASTAL MORTGAGE CORP., as Beneficiary,

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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.

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Date: 9/14/95

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JESSE E. UTT aka JESSE ELMO UTT CASE NO. 165931

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of JESSE E. UTT aka JESSE ELMO UTT
A PETITION has been filed by GARY G. UTT in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO.
THE PETITION requests that GARY G. UTT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests that the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 10-16-95 at 1:45 p.m. in Dept. 35 located at 220 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
SOPA KWOK
FOR CHANGE OF NAMES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (CCP 1277)
CASE NUMBER: 692684

PETITIONER SOPA KWOK HAS FILED A PETITION FOR AN ORDER TO CHANGE NAMES FROM SOPA KWOK TO HAL LIEM SOPA KWOK

It is ordered that all persons interested in this matter appear before this Court in Department ONE of the San Diego County Superior Court at the address shown above on NOV 16 1995 at 9:00 a.m. and show cause, if any they have, why the application for change of name should not be granted.

It is further ordered that a copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE be published in the Lemon Grove Review, a newspaper of general circulation published in this county, at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the day of the hearing.

DATE: SEP 20, 1995

James R. Milliken
Judge of the Superior Court
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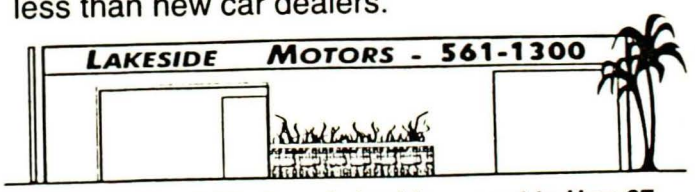
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The Aliens Among Us

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grant came to Jackson from Alpine with good references.

On the night of Aug. 5, Manjivar was brutally attacked at Lindo Lake Park in Lakeside. A young "americano" on a skateboard tried to pick a fight with Manjivar and three friends who were playing tennis. The boy returned with five friends who jumped Manjivar.

"Me quiso matar," said Manjivar in Spanish. *He wanted to kill me.* "The man said he wanted to kill me and took a knife and stabbed me repeatedly in the back."

The American slashed his face, barely missing Manjivar's right eye.

Manjivar does not understand the American way. Since the attack he has been devoured by despair and frustration.

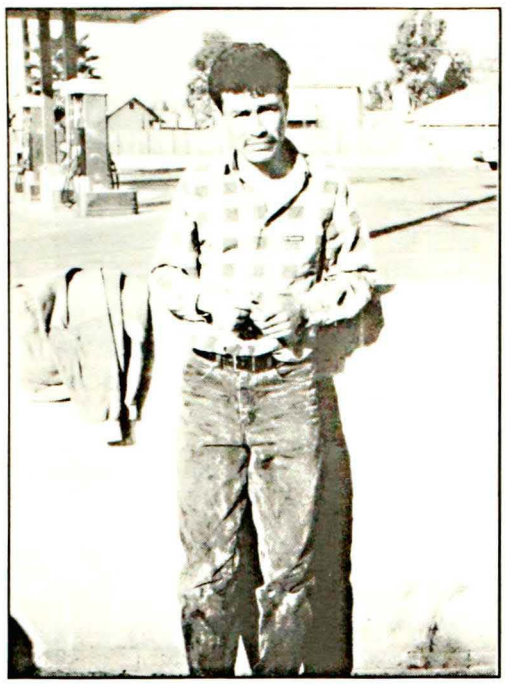
"No tengo confianza," said Manjivar. *I have no confidence.* "I have hospital bills that are arriving at the place where I live, the loss of work has hurt my family and I don't know what to do.

Manjivar can identify the man who attacked him and has identified two of the persons that were involved in the assault. Police are holding a suspect, a 23-year-old taken into custody for parole violations.

His employer doesn't understand either.

"He is a very quiet person," she said, "but he has always been an excellent worker and a wonderful person. Why anyone would want to attack him this way ... I just don't understand."

Jackson said Manjivar's bike, his only main means of transportation, was also stolen at. She bought him a replacement.



Luis Manjivar

The Mexican government gave Rancho El Cajon to Doña Maria Estudillo de Pedrorena in 1845 as payment for a debt owed her merchant husband. The family settled in the north end of the valley near the San Diego River.

Santiago Argüella was given over 58,000 acres stretching from what is now called Mira Mesa south to La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley. The land had been taken from the Catholic Church in the 1822 Mexican Revolution and given to Presidio Commandante Argüella in 1846.

The Pedrorenas, Argüellos and other Mexican settlers were given the nickname "Californios." It was men like these who tried to fend off the American invasion of California under Col. Kearny. At the battle of San Pasqual, Dec. 8 , 1846, Californios with lances nearly killed Marine Capt. Archibald Gillespie.

Although the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo granted full land rights to the Californios after the war, American confiscation of the ranchos proceeded steadily through the Civil War. Argüello's heirs sold off La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Encanto and some of Spring Valley to American businessman Robert Allison.

Pedrorena was not as fortunate. Thanks to an act of Congress — the Private Land Claims Act of 1851 — American speculators seized most of the ranchos without compensating the Mexican owners.

Most of the men arrive at University and Aragon around 6 a.m. Jose Luis comes jogging up well after nine. The others tease him for being so late.

Jose Luis wears Army fatigues and sports a warm, confident smile. He's from Bolivia and now lives, without papers, in National City. It takes three bus transfers to get to the abandoned Home Depot site.

There is a Home Depot in Chula Vista, but Jose Luis says the East County one is better for jobs.

While in business, the Home Depot attracted many people who could use the cheap Mexican labor. When the company relocated to Lemon Grove, the workers did not follow. Lemon Grove promised not to be as lenient as San Diego had been. Besides, the routine had been set and employers continued to come to the vacant location in search of laborers.

Javier says he's 30 years old, although he could easily pass for 20. He specializes in construction and left Guadalajara when he was 15.

"My father taught me how to do brick work and other construction odd jobs," he says in Spanish. "I knew at a young age that I would be coming to the United States to support my family in Guadalajara."

Fifteen years later, Javier still sends money to his family - a family he has not seen in years. Unmarried and childless, Javier is one of the many who wait on the corner looking for work.

Javier and the two other guys standing with him say that coming across the border was difficult because they are beat by the U. S. Border Patrol agents.

Javier pointed to the back of his legs where he has been hit. Although that was many years ago, the fear of border patrol agents still linger. The fear of San Diego police officers is also a reminder of law enforcement that can cause problems.

"We keep walking," said Javier. "It is better to go with the flow and obey what the officers have to say. We keep our eyes on the traffic to watch for a job opportunity and to watch for cops."

Around the world, the United States is viewed as the land of opportunity, where people come to make their fortunes and live happily ever after. This is the American Dream through the eyes of Mexican migrant workers.

What many come to find is loneliness, despair and frustration. If they are young in age, they usually come from households where the men work, and women stay home to take care of the children and handle other household chores.

Despair and frustration set in when the foreigner realizes that he is alone, no family for support, and he or she must learn U.S. customs, laws and language. These men that flee to the U.S. usually have an eighth grade education, if any at all, yet they understand the importance of learning a second language so that life can be a little easier on them and their goals can be met. Their goals are to be able to return to their country a rich person and be a success story in their pueblo.These are men who have taken a risk, left families behind, children, wives, heritage ... to come to America, the land of opportunity, to wait for a job.

Media

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glaze over the conservative side and play up the liberal side," said La Mesa resident John Scally. "I don't read *The Daily Californian* much. The *La Mesa Forum* I like. It's a nice little local paper that doesn't try to stir up any controversy."

Scally's wife Sylvia agreed that the local media seems to slant stories toward a liberal view point, especially on abortion issues. Mostly, however, she finds newspapers depressing and negative so she doesn't read them.

Another La Mesa resident who mailed in a card, Margaret Johnson, said she can no longer get her letters to the Union-Tribune published, especially if they support a position that challenges abortion rights.

"They will print letters against Christians, but they don't print mine," Johnson said.

The local media received less criticism from leaders in the Christian political movement. The *Union-Tribune* gets high marks for improving coverage of Christians over the last few years while a recent satire of the movement by Forum Publications was called unfair.

El Cajon City Councilman Bob McClellan has rarely attacked the media over the years, even though he's often been singled out by the media for scrutiny.

This week, however, he expressed some displeasure with the satire, called *The Mean Stream*, poking fun at an ultra conservative publication called the Main Stream. In it, McClellan was lampooned as an anti-environmentalist who was planning an "endangered species barbecue." It picked up on his practice of hosting lunches for pastors to explain how they and their congregations can get involved in politics.

The satire appeared biased against conservative Christians, he said, and that many people didn't get the joke. He worries, he said, about how many people think the page reflects his real views.

Kevin LaChapelle, a trustee for the Grossmont Union High School District, was also bothered by the satire, but said he got the joke.

Initially, LaChapelle said, he received only the portion of the page that said he was seen walking on water and he was angered because the person who faxed it to him indicated the story was presented as true. But once he saw the whole page, he said, he saw the humor, but still believed it unfair.

"I thought it was in poor taste," LaChapelle said.

LaChapelle saved his most pointed comments for The Daily Californian, which he said has been inaccurate portrayal of him, especially when resigned from the El Cajon Police Department. He also says the paper has inaccurately reported some of the issues he's been involved in at the school district.

"I wasn't prepared for your call, so I don't have specifics," LaChapelle said. "There's just been so much of it that it's just been unbelievable."

Both the *Union-Tribune* and *The Daily Californian* have improved their coverage of Christians in politics, according to Barry Jantz, a La Mesa city councilman. In 1992, he said, he felt both papers went overboard in their coverage of the Christian political movement. The height of unfairness was reached, he said, when the *Union-Tribune* published an election guide and put asterisks next to the names of suspected members of the Christian political movement.

Whatever bias may exist in the press, Jantz said, is not due to any concerted effort by the media to push a liberal agenda.

"I don't believe in conspiracies," Jantz said. "I don't believe that coverage is staged or that coverage is choreographed. I believe that there is a certain philosophy of people who go into a certain field. In context, people in journalism tend to be more liberal and if you're just a little left of center, if you see one person who is middle of the road you might see him as conservative. I don't think the media is purposefully biased."

The national media has been accused of being biased against conservative Christians because of alleged statements like "(Christians) are largely poor, uneducated and easy-to-command," and a alleged statement by Dan Rather that Christians are "hatemongers."

Local television news received little criticism from either people who mailed in cards or local leaders.

At the same time, many people seemed to have missed positive stories local television has done about Christians, from coverage of the March For Jesus and the Harvest Crusade to coverage of East County's own Celebration of the Cross.

Both the *Union-Tribune* and *The Daily Californian* publish award-winning religion pages on a weekly basis, but few people mentioned these when asked for evidence of positive Christian coverage.

"I hear criticism from both sides," said Vickie Hesterman, a journalism professor at Point Loma Nazarene College. "I hear that the media is too liberal and too conservative, but I think our local media does a pretty good job. So much of the criticism comes from one person's own perspective and that influences how we see things."

Hesterman is part of a national Christian fellowship for media professionals that several local broadcasters belong to, including local anchors Carol LeBeau and Kimberly Hunt.

Mark Larson, a former top-ranked personality at KFMB-AM and now general manager of KPRZ, a Christian radio station, is also a member of the group. He doesn't see much bias in the local media.

"It's not so much a case of bias as of ignorance," Larson said. "A lot of times the unchurched reporters think they know what people of faith are all about, and they don't."

Local organist to perform

Organist Tommy Stark, native of Lemon Grove, will accompany three Laurel and Hardy silent films in "Silent Movie Night": "Big Business,"Wandering Papas", and "Two Tarrs" at Lemon Grove Lutheran Church on Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The first in this year's community series presented by the church in an effort to bring more music to the community, this is guaranteed to be fun for the whole family — hysterical and side-splitting. The concert is free, child care will also be provided free.

Most Lemon Grove people will remember that Tommy and Jim Hansen ran the Southland Music Store in the 70's, an electronic organ dealership located in a former theater in Lemon Grove. The building was later converted into a pizzeria with Tommy at the organ, the Wurlitzer from Chicago Uptown Theatre.